

**PROVO RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD JANUARY 16, 1998**

Pursuant to the notice from the office of the State Engineer, and to call by the chairman, the Board of Directors of the Provo River Distribution System convened at 10:00 a.m. on January 16, 1998 in Conference Room C of the CUP Completion-Administration Building, 355 West 1300 South, Orem, Utah.

Presiding: Lee Sim, Utah Division of Water Rights

Conducting: J. Edwin Ure, Chairman

Board Members Present:

J. Edwin Ure, Chairman
Sherman A. Giles
Harvey VanWagoner, Vice-Chairman
Bart Simons
Boyd Rollins
Jack Jones
Russell O. Brown
Reed Jensen, Sec./Treasurer
Farrell Knight
Daryl Devey

Representing:

Group 1 - Kamas Valley Canals
Group 2 - Upper Provo, East Heber Valley
Group 3 - Upper Provo, West Heber Valley
Group 4 - Provo City Canals
Group 5 - East Provo Canals
Group 6 - Provo Bench Canals
Group 7 - Provo Reservoir Water Users Assn.
Group 8 - Provo River Water Users Assn.
Group 9 - Upper Provo Individual Rights
Group 10 - Central Utah Water Conservancy Dist.

Others Present:

Keith Denos
Jonathan Clegg
Stan Roberts
Jeff Bryant
J. Fred Gummow

Provo River Water Users Association
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Provo River Commissioner
Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District
Deputy Commissioner, Lower Provo

Present from State Engineer's Office:

John Larsen
Lee Sim
Ben Anderson
Karen Peisley

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Adoption of Minutes of Annual Meeting held January 17, 1997.

No corrections to the minutes were noted. Director Rollins made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Director Giles and it carried unanimously.

1997 Financial Reports

Lee Sim reviewed the 1997 financial reports with the Board. The State Engineer's office was instructed to transfer \$2,200.00 from the new area fund to the Provo River Distribution System Fund (PRDS). This represents the amount paid to Commissioner Roberts plus mileage to administer the new area.

Director Jones made the motion to approve the financial reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Devey and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner's & Deputy Commissioner's Report

Deputy Commissioner Giles' Report:

SUMMARY OF THE 1997 WATER YEAR ON THE PROVO RIVER

The winter of 1996-97 came early, with nearly 200% of normal snow pack the latter part of January 1997, at the head of the Provo River. There was less precipitation the remainder of the winter. We still ended up with much above normal for the winter snow pack.

The runoff was fairly normal with no extreme amount of water in the river at any one time. We were able to go through the entire irrigation season in the upper valleys at 100% of first class rights, with some secondary rights most of the season. All the storage rights were filled along the river. We had rains periodically all season, which helped keep the natural flow of the river up in the late summer.

The crops and pastures all did well in the upper valleys. Some hay was spoiled by rain. In my opinion, the natural flow of the river held up better than any other time in the last 35 years since I have worked on the river.

I enjoyed the cooperation of the water users, the Central Utah people, and State Engineer's personnel, and Commissioner Roberts.

Commissioner Roberts' report:

PROVO RIVER SUMMARY 1997

This year (1997) was an above average water year and presented some challenges. Bonneville Unit was delivered to the Kamas area for the first time. This was on a temporary basis but will be permanent at some point in the future.

New areas including Wallsburg (Roundy Ditch), Lake Creek, Center Creek and Daniels were given to the commissioner to oversee. A flume was installed on the Roundy Ditch and some measurements were taken in the other areas. Research into water rights and the irrigation systems is still being done.

Considerable time was spent on the endangered species (June Sucker). Meetings are now held throughout the year to plan for this need and Jordanelle and Deer Creek Reservoirs were managed at times also just to meet this need.

Irrigation season started April 16, and extra allotment was allocated from May 22 through June 30. Secondary rights were fully or partially met throughout the irrigation season.

A motion to accept the Deputy Commissioner's and Commissioner's report was made by Director Knight, seconded Director VanWagoner and it carried unanimously.

1998 Budget

Director Jensen presented the 1998 budget, as approved in the Provo River Distribution System meeting held January 13, 1998. An additional \$500.00 was added to miscellaneous expense to allow Commissioner Roberts to attend the Utah Water Users Workshop in St. George, Utah in March, 1998. With the addition of the \$500.00, the total budget for 1998 was set at \$117,750.00 or an increase of \$8,750.00 over 1997. Part of the increase was due to the addition of a new Deputy Commissioner for the Lower Provo. Mr. Fred Gummow was introduced at this time as the new Deputy Commissioner.

Director Devey made the motion to adopt the budget, as adjusted. Director Brown seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

1998 Assessment

Because the balance in the Trust Fund at 12/31/97 was over \$45,000.00 with the transfer of the \$2,200.00 from the new area fund, it was decided the 1998 assessment would be the same as 1997.

Director VanWagoner made the motion to levy the 1998 assessment on \$108,500 which was 1997's budget. The motion was seconded by Director Rollins and it carried unanimously.

Recommendation of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner

Chairman Ure reported to Mr. Sim that Stanley H. Roberts, Jr. had been nominated as the Provo River Commissioner and Sherman A. Giles and J. Fred Gummow as Deputy Commissioners for 1998.

Director Jones made the motion to appoint Stanley H. Roberts, Jr. as Provo River Commissioner for 1998. The motion was seconded by Director Devey and it carried unanimously.

Another motion was made by Director Devey to appoint Sherman A. Giles and J. Fred Gummow as Deputy Commissioners for 1998. The motion was seconded by Director VanWagoner and it carried unanimously.

Other Business

It was noted that Bart Simon replaced Carl Carpenter on the Board, representing the Provo City Canals. A motion was made by Director Jones to accept Bart Simon as a new Board member. The motion was seconded by Director Rollins and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Sim advised the Board that the appointment of the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioners becomes effective on the day of this meeting and not at a later date.

There was considerable discussion about the transfer of surface water to ground water by exchange. One of the biggest concerns was the lack of any administration over these exchanges.

Currently Central Utah Water Conservancy District is being billed for well exchanges. No other individual or company who has allowed water to be moved from their canals are presently being billed. The State Engineer's office needs to bill everyone equally for well exchanges.

Adjournment

At 11:30 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Director VanWagoner and seconded by Director Knight and it carried unanimously.